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Work and Workers

REVEREND ERASTUS BLAKESLEE of Brookline, Mass., died July 12, 1908, in his seventieth year. An account of his services in the interest of Bible study will appear in a later number of the *Biblical World*.

REVEREND DR. GEORGE E. HERR, professor of church history in Newton Theological Institution and formerly editor of the *Watchman*, has been appointed president of that institution to succeed Dr. N. E. Wood.

CANON T. K. CHEYNE has retired from the Oriel professorship of the interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oxford. It is announced that he is to be succeeded by Rev. G. A. Cooke, formerly fellow of Magdalen College, and Hebrew Lecturer at St. John's and Wadham Colleges. Mr. Cooke was a pupil of Professor Driver, and his Textbook of North Semitic Inscriptions (1903) is among the standard works on Semitic epigraphy.

REVEREND DR. A. M. FAIRBAIRN, since 1886, principal of Mansfield College, Oxford, and in 1899-1900 Barrows Lecturer in India for the University of Chicago, has retired from the principalship of the college, which he has held for more than twenty years. Dr. Fairbairn has worked largely in the philosophy of religion, and his book, *The Philosophy of the Christian Religion* (1902), occupies an important place in the literature of that subject.

REVEREND A. H. CHARTERIS, professor of biblical criticism and biblical antiquities in the University of Edinburgh from 1868-1898, and professor emeritus since that date, died suddenly April 24. Professor Charteris contributed to New Testament study a most important source-book in his *Canonicity: A Collection of Early Testimonies to the Canonical Books of the New Testament* (Edinburgh, 1880), and in 1888 published *The Christian Scripture*. He was born in 1835 and for forty years has held a prominent place among Scottish scholars.

PROFESSOR ROBERT FRANCIS HARPER, acting head of the department of Semitic languages in The University of Chicago, and editor of *The American Journal of Semitic Languages*, sailed from New York on July 25, on his way to London, Constantinople, and Jerusalem. Professor Harper goes to the directorship of the American School for Oriental Study and Research in Palestine, on a year's leave of absence from the University. He will be followed by Dr. D. D. Luckenbill, the assistant director, and a group of advanced students, who will sail from New York September 5.

BERNARD P. GRENFELL, fellow of Queen's College, Oxford, and editor, with Arthur S. Hunt, of the Oxyrhynchus, Amherst, Hibeh, Tebtunis, Fayûm, Cairo, and other papyri, has been appointed professor of papyrology in the University of Oxford. Mr. Hunt was at the same time appointed a university lecturer in the same subject. These accomplished and indefatigable scholars have in no small degree created the department of study which they are now called upon to represent, having discovered, deciphered, interpreted, and published, in the past twelve years, Greek texts which now fill fifteen large volumes.

REVEREND ALEXANDER V. G. ALLEN, professor of church history in the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School at Cambridge, Mass., died early in July, at the age of sixty-seven. Professor Allen was a recognized leader of liberal theological thought, a teacher of strength and skill, and a writer of many important books. He had lately become a co-operating editor of *The American Journal of Theology*. Among his works are *The Continuity of Christian Thought* (1884), *The Life of Jonathan Edwards* (1889), *Religious Progress* (1893), *Christian Institutions* (*International Theological Library*, 1897), *The Life and Letters of Phillips Brooks* (1900), *Freedom in the Church* (1904). He had been professor in the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School since 1867.

PROFESSOR ERNEST D. BURTON, head of the New Testament department of the University of Chicago, and editor-in-chief of the *Biblical World*, sailed from New York for Plymouth, July 18, as the University of Chicago's commissioner to investigate the educational conditions of the Far East. Professor Burton is accompanied by his secretary, Dr. Horace G. Reed, and will visit London, Geneva, Rome, Constantinople, Beirut, Jerusalem, and Cairo. In October he will proceed to India, in November to Ceylon, and in December to China, where more than four months will be spent. In China Professor Burton will be joined by Professor Thomas C. Chamberlin, head of the department of geology in the University of Chicago, and joint commissioner in the investigation, who will be accompanied by his secretary, Dr. Rollin T. Chamberlin, of the United States Bureau of Commerce and Labor.

On July 3 occurred the death of Dr. Eberhard Schrader, professor of Semitic languages in the University of Berlin. Professor Schrader was in his seventy-third year, but had been incapacitated by paralysis for several years prior to his death. He was best known to English-speaking students of the Bible by his book on *The Cuneiform Inscriptions and the Old Testament*, which in its German form has reached a third edition.

He was the founder of the science of Assyriology in Germany, having been the teacher of Friedrich Delitzsch, H. Winckler, Jensen, and the most of the older scholars. His more important books are: *Die Höllefahrt der Istar. Ein altbabylonisches Epos. Nebst Proben assyrischen Lyrik.* Text, Uebersetzung, Commentar und Glossar, (1874); *Keilinschriften und Geschichtsforschung: ein Beitrag zur monumentalen Geographie, Geschichte und Chronologie der Assyrier* (1878); *Die Sargonsstele des Berliner Museums* (1882); *Die Keilinschriften und das Alte Testament* (2d ed., 1883); *Keilinschriftliche Bibliothek. Sammlung von assyrischen und babylonischen Texten in Umschrift und Uebersetzung.* In Verbindung mit Dr. L. Abel und anderen, herausgegeben von Dr. Eberhard Schrader. (Six volumes.)

OTTO PFLEIDERER, for more than thirty years professor of systematic theology in the University of Berlin, died July 20, 1908, in his sixty-ninth year. Professor Pfeiderer was well known as a theologian of Hegelian views, and his works have circulated widely in English as well as German. His geniality and simplicity of disposition, and his cordial hospitality are gratefully remembered by many American students. Professor Pfeiderer had been a member of the Berlin theological faculty since 1875, and was dean of it in 1904. His principal writings are: *Das Wesen der Religion* (1869), *Moral und Religion* (1872), *Das Urchristentum* (1887, 1902), *Paulinismus* (1890), *Entwicklung der Protestantischen Theologie seit Kant* (1891), *Ritschl'sche Theologie, kritisch beleuchtet* (1891), *Geschichte der Religions-Philosophie von Spinoza bis auf der Gegenwart* (1893), *Religions-Philosophie auf geschichtlichen Grunde* (1896), *Grundriss der christlichen Glauben- und Sittenlehre* (1898). Among his English publications are *The Influence of the Apostle Paul on Christianity* (1885), *The Philosophy of Religion* (1886-8), *The Development of Theology in Germany since Kant* (1890), *Paulinism* (1891), *Philosophy and Development of Religion* (1894), *Evolution and Theology* (1900), *The Early Christian Conception of Christ* (1905), *Primitive Christianity* (1906), *Christian Origins* (1906). In the past generation few men have wrought so importantly as Professor Pfeiderer in developing a scientific theology.